



# **Update on Key Transition and Smarter Balanced Assessment Development Activities**

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**Presentation to EDCO Liaisons  
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# Legislative Update

- AB 484 (Bonilla)\*
  - May 1 – passed by Ed Policy Committee
  - May 15 – Assembly Appropriations Committee hearing
- \* See SBE May Agenda Item 3, Attachment 2 for AB 484 text that pertains to each of the SSPI's recommendations for reauthorization
- AB 959 (Bonilla)
  - April 17 – passed by Ed Policy Committee
- SB 247 (Liu)
  - April 10 – passed by Ed Policy Committee



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# Upcoming Public Review for Draft Accessibility and Accommodations Framework

- Explains approach expected to be used to address accessibility tools and accommodation options for students on Smarter Balanced assessments
- Scheduled to be released the week of May 13 for public review and comment
- Framework will be available on the CDE Smarter Balanced Web page



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# Smarter Balanced Spring 2013 Pilot Test

- The purpose of the Pilot Test is to gather information about the performance of assessment items and the test delivery system under real-world conditions
- Information gathered from the Pilot Test will be used to inform development of the 2014 Field Test



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# Spring 2013 Pilot Test

## Preliminary CDE Observations

- Clearer, more concise preparation and administration instructions needed
- Students reported test being fun but difficult
- Student practice with computer tools (e.g., drag and drop, highlighting) before testing would be beneficial
- Administrators indicated more instruction needed on keyboarding skills at earlier grades
- Fine tuning of computer tools needed (e.g., notepad placement, audio volume adjustment)



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# Practice Tests

- Access will begin May 29, 2013
- Will be available to the public through the Smarter Balanced Web site
- No login or secure browser required
- Access will continue until implementation of operational assessments
- Will contain a test form for each content area in grades 3-8 and grade 11



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# Initial College Content Readiness Policy

- Intended to guide interpretation of grade 11 test scores for grade 12 and college placement
- Approved by governing states in April 2013
- Available on the Smarter Balanced Web site at:

<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/achievement-level-descriptors-and-college-readiness/>



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# Digital Library Update

- Smarter Balanced is working with a Formative Assessment Advisory Panel to establish criteria for digital library resources
- In each member state, a State Leadership Team will recruit and oversee a State Network of Educators (SNE) which will review and approve resources for inclusion in the Digital Library





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# Formative Assessment Advisory Panel

Panel Member	Affiliation	Specialty
Dr. Lynn Anderson-Inman	University of Oregon	Online Learning
Dr. Bridget Dalton	University of Colorado – Boulder	Special Education
Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond	Stanford University	Educational Equity
Dr. Diane Heacox	St. Catherine University – St. Paul, MN	Gifted Education
Dr. Joan Herman	UCLA	Assessment
Dr. John Hill	Executive Director of the National Rural Education Association	Rural Education



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Panel Member	Affiliation	Specialty
Dr. Yvette Jackson	Chief Executive Officer of the National Urban Alliance for Effective Education	Urban Education
Dr. Henry Kepner	University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee	Mathematics
Dr. Katherine McKnight	National Louis University	English- Language Arts
Valerie L. Mills	Supervisor and Mathematics Education Consultant for Oakland Schools	Mathematics
Dr. David Pearson	University of California – Berkeley	Literacy
Dr. James Popham	UCLA	Assessment



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# California's State Network of Educators

- Recruitment is under way!
- CDE will recruit approximately 150 California educators for its SNE
- Information and application are available on the CDE Smarter Balanced Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/diglib.asp>
- Recruitment announcement from CDE Deputy Superintendent Deb Sigman to LEA superintendents sent May 13
- **Application deadline is June 3, 2013**



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# SNE Member Qualifications

- Members must be K-12 or higher education professionals:
  - With expertise in the CCSS for ELA and Mathematics and formative assessment
  - Who have served one or more of the following: general education; gifted and talented, English learners, students with disabilities
- Members must make a two-year commitment to the Network and are eligible for a \$1500 stipend.



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# Upcoming Opportunities for Teacher Involvement in Item and Test Development

Recruitments through summer 2013:

- Pilot Test range finding
- Pilot Test data review
- Field Test item writing and review

CDE will announce participation opportunities through its Smarter Balanced e-mail listserv.



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## Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium Web site

<http://www.smarterbalanced.org>

## CDE Smarter Balanced Web Page

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/sbac/>